Railway Share of Expenditure on Government Railway Police

1225. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether differences persist between the Railway Ministry and the State Govenrments about the quantum of outstanding dues payable by the Railways as their share of expenditure on Government Railway Police;

(b) if so, whether any delay in resolving the payment of outstanding dues will not slacken the efforts of concerned State Govenrments towards providing security cover in the running trains thus increasing incidence of crimes, especially in crime prone areas; and

(c) When this matter is likely to be resolved and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Differences exist with some State Governments with regard to the posts created without the consent of the Railway Administration. Admissible dues of all State Governments are being cleared gradually. A statement showing details is as under:—

STATE WISE POSITION OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS OF GRP DUES AS ON 30.4.97

FIGURE IN CRORES

STATE	OUT-STANDING AS ON 30.4.97
Assam	1.49
Andhra Pradesh	1.16
Bihar	8.76
Gujarat	11.12
Haryana	<*.24
Himachal Pradesh	0.06
Karnataka	3.81
Maharashtra	14.01
Madhya Pradesh	6.16
Orissa	1.25
Rajasthan	1.26
Tamilnadu	7.42
Uttar Pradesh	13.75
West Bengal	1.54
Total	76.03

(b) Payment against 50% expenditure on the State GRPs are made by the Railways as per the sanctioned strength of GRP of the concerned State. The State Governments are constitutionally responsible to police the Railways and maintain law & order in the trains and the Railways Dermises. The payment of outstandings by the Railways is an ongoing process which need not slacken the efforts of the concerned State Governments towards providing security cover in the running trains especially in the crime prone areas.

(c) The total outstanding dues payable by Railways to States on sanctioned strength is Rs. 76.03 crores as op 30.4.97. Efforts to clear the dues will continue.

Strategy to maximise the railways earnings

1226. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Ministry plans to cut job%at the rate of 2.5 per cent annum during the next three-four years while embarking upon a two-fold strategy to reduce the expenditure and to maximise the earnings',

(b) if so, what areas of operations have been identified for such staff reduction; and

(e) what are the steps proposed to maximise earnings?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Railways do not have plans to cut jobs @ 2.5% per annum during the next three-four years. The work force of Indian Railways is regulated both in terms of number and (heir skills so that the railways are able to build, maintain and operate the system in the most productive manner possible, specially for remaining competitive with other modes of transportation. Due to changes in systems of working and in technology, staff are rendered surplus in areas of diminishing activity and are retrained and redeployed in other areas. No staff has been retrenched on Indian Railways, though over the years there has